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15 November 1973

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Chief, East Asia Division, DDO

**SUBJECT :** Mapping of Communist Presence in Indochina

**REFERENCE :** Your memorandum to me, 26 October 1973, same subject

1. Your felt need for specialized graphics on Indochina is understandable. My Cartography Division has spent considerable time looking into the matter. Their first atlas project mock-up and manpower estimate are both impressive. Indeed, I was more impressed by the latter than the former. We calculate a minimum of 2800 man-hours, excluding printing plant time, for the project. The Division is already committed beyond the point where this would be feasible.

2. In addition, I have some reservations about displaying by map the kind of information mentioned in your memorandum. Most of the data is dynamic; a map is a static display requiring a substantial investment. Even assuming availability of reliable data for map compilation, there would be risk that many of the maps would be obsolete before we could get them into print.

3. For many years we have put a great deal of effort into preparing map graphics of every part of Indochina and from every conceivable point of view. I have asked Cartography Division to make a thorough inventory of our on-shelf items and to prepare for me a list of gaps in that coverage and a list of on-shelf items that should be updated. When that report is in (next week), along with the relevant manpower estimates, I hope we will be able to schedule additional production necessary to satisfy most of your requirements.

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